(c) the number of persons arrested so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three illegal telephone exchanges have been detected after conducting raids by Delhi Police and Vigilance Cell of MTNL, during the last three months. The details are as follows:

(i) M/s. Shree Jee Communications, 2393/217 Chawri Bazar.

(ii) M/s. Kesho Ram and Sons Private Limited, 1894 Chandni Chowk, Delhi. Their equipment was seized.

(iii) M/s. Sawera Telecom at 2421 Naiwalan, Faiz Road, Karol Bagh.

(c) Two persons have been arrested by the Delhi Police Crime Branch.

Expenditure on Advertisements By MTNL

1740. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by MTNL, Delhi unit and corporate office on advertisements during 2000-2001, language-wise; and

(b) the names of Urdu newspapers and periodicals to whom advertisements of MTNL were given during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The amount spent by MTNL on advertisement during year 2000-2001 is as under:

	Corporate Office	Delhi Unit
English	7,35,14,498	2,26,43,253
Hindi	1,01,42,990	54,33,870
Urdu	1,90,975	74,760
Punjabi	2,49,290	8,480
Tamil	9,74,000	
Bengali	97,636	
Marathi	22,35,327	
Sindhi	9,000	

(b) MTNL, Corporate Office:

Mustaqbil, Muskarahaten Hind, Nai Duniya & Awaam, Akbarj-e-Mashriq, All India Urdu Council.

MTNL Delhi:

Jahne jadeed, Mehfil-e-Sanam & Jadeed Markaj.

Diary Purchase Scam in MTNL

†1741. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the diary purchase scam in MTNL; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir. However, Bharatiya Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Karamchari Sangh had represented in this regard.

(b) The matter has been investigated by CVO, MTNL and the allegation is not substantiated.

Provision of Internet facilities in H.P.

1742. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of towns / cities in Himachal Pradesh where internet facilities have been provided;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided Internet facilities in all towns / cities of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Activation of Hotline at Sungaon, Bihar

†1743. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.